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Man Pleads to Trying to Kidnap Teen in Torrance

A man entered a no contest plea today for trying to kidnap a 15-year-old girl walking home from school in Torrance, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Parag Agrawal said Jhony Adalberto Granados-Lopez, 28, of Los Angeles entered the plea to one count of attempted kidnapping and admitted using a knife in the commission of the crime.

The defendant was immediately sentenced to one year in jail and five years of formal probation.

On May 22, Granados-Lopez ordered the teen victim to get into his vehicle as he held what appeared to be a knife near Spencer Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, according to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing. The girl ran home and informed her parents, the prosecutor said.

Case YA100263 was investigated by the Torrance Police Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.